

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 87

Commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2003

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DODD, and Mr. EDWARDS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Whereas March 14, 2003, will mark the Centennial Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System;

Whereas the United States Senate continues to fully support the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and shares President Theodore Roosevelt's view that: "Wild beasts and birds are by right not the property merely of the people who are alive today, but the property of unknown generations, whose belongings we have no right to squander";

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt’s vision in 1903 to conserve wildlife started with the plants and animals on the tiny Pelican Island on Florida’s East Coast, and has flourished across the United States and its territories, allowing for the preservation of a vast array of species; and

Whereas the National Wildlife Refuge System of 540 refuges, that now hosts 35,000,000 visitors annually, with the help of 30,000 volunteers, is home to wildlife of almost every variety in every state of the union within an hour’s drive of almost every major city: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) congratulates the National Wildlife Refuge  
3       System on its Centennial Anniversary;

4               (2) expresses strong support for the National  
5       Wildlife Refuge System’s continued success in the  
6       next 100 years and beyond;

7               (3) encourages the National Wildlife Refuge  
8       System in its continued efforts to broaden under-  
9       standing and appreciation for the Refuge System, to  
10      increase partnerships on behalf of the National  
11      Wildlife Refuge System to better manage and mon-  
12      itor wildlife, and to continue its support of outdoor  
13      recreational activities; and

14              (4) reaffirms its commitment to continued sup-  
15      port for the National Wildlife Refuge System, and

- 1 the conservation of our Nation's rich natural herit-
- 2 age.

